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While others take the stages, Miguel Indurain
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Is time running out for the Miami Dolphins?

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It's Just Not Cricket

Wisden Cricket Monthly to be sued for offensive remarks about 'colored' peoples' loyalties to England squad

AN OBSCURE contributor to a specialist cricket magazine has sparked a race row which culminated this week in England internationalists Devon Malcolm and Phil DeFreitas suing the publication.

In an article provocatively titled "Is it in the blood?", Robert Henderson, a former tax inspector and self-styled journalist, questioned the commitment of foreign-born players to the England cause.

"It is even possible that part of a colored England-qualified player feels satisfaction (perhaps subconsciously) at seeing England humiliated, because of post-imperial myths of oppression and exploitation," Henderson wrote.

The article in the July edition of *Wisden Cricket Monthly* has been dissected and discussed in the national press and finally disowned by the magazine's editor David Frith.

"I now accept that it was an error of judgment to have accepted the article for publication in the first place," Frith said. "My unreserved apologies are extended to all those whose sensibilities have been offended by the article."

Henderson himself has been silent since telling the *London Evening Standard* he was a "patriotic Englishman" who personally would not select "Asians or Blacks".

He then added: "Is someone like Phillip DeFreitas or Devon Malcolm going to be able to give his all when he's playing against the West Indies?"

DeFreitas and Malcolm were both born in the West Indies but came to England as children.

The immediate reaction to Henderson's article was unsurprisingly hostile with England captain Mike Atherton taking the first positive move by resigning from the magazine's editorial board.

"Having played a lot of Test cricket with Devon Malcolm



UNDER TWO FLAGS? - Loyalties of Phillip DeFreitas (l) and Devon Malcolm have been called into question.



(Reuters)

and Phil DeFreitas, I disapprove not only of the views expressed in the article but also its inclusion in the magazine," Atherton said.

Last Wednesday, Malcolm and DeFreitas issued writs against the magazine, saying the article was "grossly offensive and racist".

"Our clients were left with no choice but to take steps to obtain both public vindication and apologies," a statement from their lawyers said.

A key point for the article's many critics was the use of the word "negro," a term now generally considered insulting.

Henderson is also guilty of selective quotations. He also recruits *Wisden* editor Matthew Engel to his cause, quoting a section from Notes by the Editor in the 1995 edition which read: "It cannot be irrelevant to England's

long-term failures that so many of their recent Test players were either born overseas and/or spent their formative years as citizens of other countries".

But crucially he does not quote the start of the following paragraph in which Engel went on to say: "It is not a question of race".

By any objective standards the England cricket team has consistently underperformed over the past decade but for Henderson to concentrate on foreign-born Asian and black players is not only offensive but a gross over-simplification.

DeFreitas's Test record does not reflect his talent and he has generally performed poorly abroad as has another Caribbean-born cricketer Chris Lewis.

But an even greater disappointment has been Zimbabwean-born batsman Graeme Hick, regarded as the savior of England cricket when he completed his qualification period four years ago.

Hick has his defenders, but he has rarely produced results under pressure while New Zealand Andrew Caddick and Australian Martin McCague, who have both played for England over the past three seasons, have now been discarded.

Malcolm is a different case altogether. No more dedicated cricketer has ever played for England as he showed when he destroyed South Africa with nine for 57 at The Oval last August.

Technical faults in his bowling action prevent Malcolm from achieving any kind of consistency and he cannot command a regular Test place.

However, his patent commitment to the England cause shows Henderson's article to be not only selective in its subject matter and flawed in its argument but just plain wrong. (Reuters)

Thorpe, Bicknell Hit Centuries in Surrey Win

CENTURIES FROM England batsmen Graham Thorpe and opener Darren Bicknell spurred Surrey to its first victory over a first-class county in any competition since

May at The Oval on Sunday.

Thorpe, who lashed 112 off 98 balls, and Bicknell, with an unbeaten 102 from 122 deliveries, set up Surrey's 19-run win over Gloucestershire in the 40 overs Sunday League.

The pair added 203 in 32 overs, beating Surrey's previous highest second-wicket stand in the league of 187 by Alan Butcher and Roger Knight in 1983.

Thorpe, who struck four fours and six sixes, and Bicknell, with 12 fours, lifted Surrey's total to 265 for two, to which Gloucestershire replied with 246 for eight.

Captain and wicketkeeper Jack Russell kept Gloucestershire hopes alive by hitting an unbeaten 76, containing a six and seven fours, and shared an 80-run sixth-wicket stand with Bobby Dawson (45).

However, off-spinner Andy Smith sealed Gloucestershire's fate with a Sunday best three for 36.

Defending champions Warwickshire won its sixth successive league match when a faster scoring rate gave it the verdict over Middlesex in a rain-hit game at Edgbaston.

The match was initially reduced to 33 overs and Middlesex had reached 100 for four in 24.3 overs when rain forced a lengthy interruption.

When play resumed, Warwickshire was set a reduced target of 82 in 20 overs which opener Dominic Ostler (46, not out) helped it to reach with 3.5 overs to spare.

Warwickshire is fifth, six points behind leaders Glamorgan whose hopes of extending its advantage were ruined by rain at Taunton.

Sunday League Standings						
	P	W	T	N	R	Pts
Glamorgan	10	7	2	0	1	30
Kent	9	6	2	0	1	26
Worcestershire	9	6	2	0	1	26
Essex	9	6	3	1	0	26
Warwickshire	9	6	3	0	0	24
Lancashire	8	6	2	0	0	24
Sussex	10	5	4	0	1	22
Surrey	10	4	4	0	2	20
Derbyshire	10	4	4	0	2	20
Leicestershire	10	3	5	0	2	20
Yorkshire	9	4	4	0	1	18
Nottinghamshire	9	4	5	0	0	16
Gloucestershire	9	3	4	0	2	16
Gloucestershire	9	3	6	0	0	12
Derham	10	2	6	1	1	12
Hampshire	10	2	7	1	0	10
Northamptonshire	8	3	5	1	0	10
Middlesex	9	7	0	1	0	6

Glamorgan had restricted Somerset to 196 for nine, medium pacer Steve Watkins taking four for 42, and was 16 without loss in three overs when heavy rain prevented further play. (Reuters)

Sunday League Results

At The Oval: Surrey beat Gloucestershire by 19 runs. Surrey 265-2 (innings 40 overs) closed (G.Thorpe 112, D.Bicknell 102 not out); Gloucestershire 246-8 (J.Russell 76 not out).

At Derby: Sussex v Derbyshire - no result. Sussex 198 (A.Wells 85); Derbyshire 1-3 (match abandoned).

At Chester-Le-Street: Hampshire beat Durham by four wickets. Durham 170-5 (innings closed) (J.Daley 53 not out); Hampshire 174-4 (J.James 82 not out).

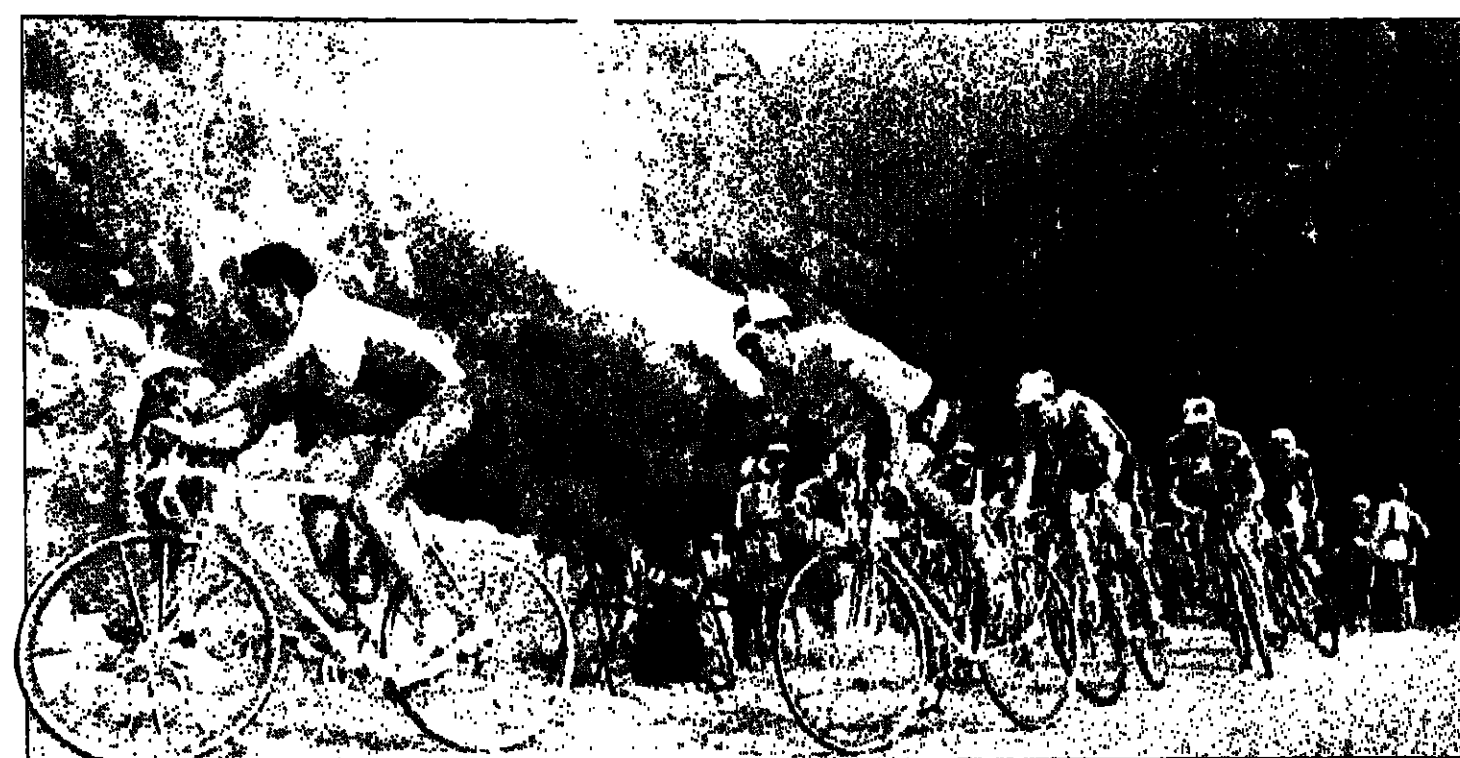
At Chelmsford: Essex beat Leicestershire on a higher run rate. Essex 211-6 (innings closed) (N.Hussain 58, K.Ram 50); Leicestershire 184-5 - match abandoned.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Middlesex on a higher run rate. Middlesex 100-4 (innings closed) (24.3 overs); Warwickshire 82-2 in 16.1 overs.

At Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan - no result. Somerset 196-4 (innings closed) (P.Bowler 65, S.Watkins 4-2); Glamorgan 16-0 - match abandoned.

Leader of the Pack

Miguel Indurain still wears the yellow jersey



UP, UP AND AWAY - The Pyrenees mountains, which is the site of the next two days' race, looms in the background, as racers complete the 14th stage.

Endurance Knowhow

The race's drama is matched by Eurosport's excellent TV coverage

By Ruth Kern

TWO EXTRAORDINARY tests of endurance are on display during Eurosport's coverage of the Tour de France, cycling's greatest race. One is on the road and the other is in the broadcasting booth.

For up to three hours at a stretch, commentators David Duffield and one-time Tour winner Stephen Roche have been bringing us the action from the three-week 20-stage, clockwise loop of approximately 2,181 miles.

More than halfway into this grueling event, Duffield and Roche have shown a remarkable ability to make it to the finishing line fresh each time.

This isn't like a tennis game, where there are serves, volleys and points to be kept track of. We're talking about 100-plus human pistons in Spandex turning their pedals round and round for hours, then weeks.

What is there to say? You'd be surprised.

Because Eurosport covers the event so comprehensively, the natural drama - including innumerable subplots - is allowed to unfold at an organic pace. We are drawn into the race in an almost hypnotic way, slowly learning to distinguish the hot dogs from the "Big Boys," as Duffield and Roche call them, picking up the subtleties of technique and tactics. The rhythm of the race becomes our rhythm. This is sports coverage as epic, not as advertising slogan.

The grandeur and historical feel of the Tour is enhanced by the contrast between the peculiar beauty of the peloton - a line of men and machines welded into a single multi-wheeled dragon - and the sweep of the French country-

side interspersed with impossibly quaint, ancient villages.

Eurosport's approach is in sharp contrast to the pumped-up, edited down handling by US commercial television, which only seems interested when a countryman is in serious contention.

Admittedly it takes concentration to follow the Eurosport commentators who are never shown on screen. Excitable Englishman Duffield tends to slur his words and laconic Irishman Roche, assuredly a more polished cyclist than broadcaster, swallows his highly accented speech. But listen carefully. These guys know what they're talking about.

The levels at which one can follow the race are almost endless, as we learn from these two. The ultimate winner is the rider who has completed the 20 stages in the fastest cumulative time. OK, simple. But then there are the individual stage winners, making each day's race a kind of play within a play. In fact, it is possible - as proved by the Banesto Team's Miguel Indurain, who is chasing an unprecedented fifth consecutive victory with only one individual triumph so far - and that in a time trial - to win the Tour without taking a single stage.

Then there are the sub-categories of King of the Mountains (polka dot jersey), and sprint champion (green jersey), not to mention team standings, individual and national rivalries, the playing out of haunted histories of crash-ups and burn-outs.

The best riders, Duffield and Roche explain, break down the Tour into three races: time trials (individual and team), the mountain stages and the flats.

The most thrilling day of this year's Tour was the 9th stage, of 54m from Le Grand-Barnand to La Plagne in the Alps. Duffield and Roche made us feel as if we were there sweating it out in the saddle, legs and lungs burning.

It was the first mountain stage and the leader's yellow jersey, which had already changed hands several times, was up for grabs. Perhaps inspired by the proximity to his home ground, the Once team's Swiss rider Alexander Zülle pulled away from the pack early and proceeded to grind out an amazing uphill solo ride without the benefit of drafting behind another's wheel.

Only about 6m from the finish line, his yellow jersey on the line, Indurain suddenly shot out from the safety of the peloton. The normally smooth Spaniard was grimacing, open-mouthed. He seemed to be riding not only for the overall leadership, but the stage victory as well.

It was an unprecedented effort for Indurain, and Duffield and Roche - their own excitement and admiration uncontained - quickly reviewed the criticisms of Indurain's usual robotic, low-risk style and made us realize just what a sea change we were witnessing.

By the time Zülle dipped his head to receive the stage victory medal, Indurain slipped another yellow jersey over his shoulders, and both got their obligatory bouquet and kisses from the podium, they looked absolutely drained.

And so were we.

CYCLING STAGES - WINNERS (overall leader in parentheses)

July 1 - Prologue at Saint-Brieuc, 4.5 miles (Jacky Durand, France).
July 2 - 1st stage: Dinan to Lannion, 145 (Fabio Baldato, Italy; Durand).
July 3 - 2nd stage: Perros-Guirec to Vitré, 146 (Mario Cipollini, Italy; Laurent Jalabert, France).
July 4 - 3rd stage: Mayenne to Alençon Team time trial, 41.6 (Gewiss).
July 5 - 4th stage: Alençon to La Havre, 100 (Cipollini; Ivan Gotti, Italy).
July 6 - 5th stage: Fecamp to Dunkerque, 161 (Jeroen Blijlevens, Netherlands; Gotti).
July 7 - 6th stage: Dunkerque to Chateaufort, Belgium, 125 (Erik Zabel, Germany; Bjarne Riis, Denmark).
July 8 - 7th stage: Chateaufort to Liège, Belgium, 126 (Johan Bruyneel, Belgium; Bruyneel).
July 9 - 8th stage: Huy to Seraing, time trial, 33.5 (Miguel Indurain, Spain; Indurain).

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July 11 - 9th stage: Le Grand-Barnand to La Plagne, 99 (Alex Zülle, Switzerland; Indurain).
July 12 - 10th stage: Alpe d'Huez to St. Etienne, 124 (Maximilian Sciandori, Britain; Indurain).
July 13 - 11th stage: Bourg d'Oisans to St. Etienne, 124 (Maximilian Sciandori, Britain; Indurain).
July 14 - 12th stage: St. Etienne to Mende, 136 (Jalabert; Indurain).
July 15 - 13th stage: Mende to Bevel, 152 (Sergei Outschakov, Russia; Indurain).
July 16 - 14th stage: St. Orens de Gamerville to Guzet-Neige, 101 (Pantani; Indurain).
July 17 - Rest Day.
July 18 - 15th stage: St. Girons to Caubert, 124.
July 19 - 16th stage: Tarbes to Pau, 147.
July 20 - 17th stage: Pau to Bordeaux, 153.
July 21 - 18th stage: Montpon-Ménestrel to Limoges, 103.
July 22 - 19th stage: Lac de Vassivière, time trial, 29.
July 23 - 20th stage: St. Guennove des Bois to Paris, 96.



Golf



(Above) PERENNIAL FAVORITE - Greg Norman
(Right) INCUMBENT - Last year's winner Nick Price



Heading for the Highlands

The British Open starts Thursday with defending champ Nick Price, winless this year, looking to repeat

WHEN THE Open was first played in 1860 the idea was to identify the best golfer. This year's British Open, which begins on Thursday at St. Andrews, Scotland, may provide no answers.

The champion at 450-year-old St. Andrews may very well simply be the one who's having the best week. "The competition around the world is just so much stronger that it was 20 years ago, 10 years

ago even," US Open champion Corey Pavin said before leaving for St. Andrews.

Since the 1990 British Open, when Nick Faldo won his second major championship of the year and third in two years, there have been 19 major championships. They have been won by 17 different golfers.

The only repeat winner is defending champion Nick Price, with two US PGA Championships and a British Open. And the only perennial favorite is Greg Norman.

"I guess the only constant there is that he's the only constant," American Jay Haas said about

Norman. "It's been a different winner (in the majors) each time. A few more shots here and there, a one-putt here or there, and you'd say, 'Well, he's the guy who has dominated the last 10 years.'"

But no one has dominated for a 10-year run since the Tom Watson Era ended with his victory in the 1983 British Open.

Price from August 1992 through the end of last year was the dominant golfer, a reign of less than three years. Price's run may not be over, though he has not won this year. The door also may not be closed yet on the Faldo Era, though he has not won a major

since the 1992 British Open. And Norman may yet truly step up among those who can dominate major championships. But he needs to win somewhere beside the British Open.

Beyond the Big Three, picking possible winners at St. Andrews amounts to rounding up the usual suspects. Pavin had his breakthrough victory in a major and fellow American Davis Love's second place in the US Masters finally gave him a top-10 finish in a major.

South African Ernie Els has shown flashes of the form that won the US Open last year, while

Americans Fred Couples and Paul Azinger continue to tease that they are back from injury and illness. Watson, a five-time British Open champion, still strikes the ball as well as anyone, puts equally poorly, but is always a threat in Scotland, particularly if the wind blows.

It seems like only a matter of time until Scotsman Colin Montgomerie wins a major championship. And American Lee Janzen is as good as anyone at protecting a lead, if he gets one.

But for now, this seems to be true: The time at the top has gotten shorter. For whatever reason - the distraction of outside business interests, the comfortable living that can be made just finishing 10th every week, or the growing number of good golfers around - this is true. No one is king for long anymore.

Staying on top is made even more difficult today because of "the media, the pressure of everybody making a big deal out of who's No. 1 and everything," Haas said.

Price, who missed the cut at the US Masters and the Houston Open in April after being virtually unbeatable last year, said, "Compared to this time last year, my life is more complicated. Last year, it was easy to just go out and play golf."

Now, he has to play golf, handle interviews, give autographs and juggle business deals.

"I'm not saying that it's impossible to dominate for five, 10 years," Pavin said. "I just think it's going to take an exceptional player to do so." (AP)



HOT STREAK - US Open champ Corey Pavin (AP)

British Open Field - A list of players who have qualified at the Old Course (a-denotes amateur)		
Robert Allenby, Australia	Anders Forsbrand, Sweden	Steve Lowery, US
Paul Azinger, US	David Frost, South Africa	Sandy Lyle, Scotland
Ian Baker-Finch, Australia	Stephen Gallacher, England	Jeff Maggert, US
Sergio Ballesteros, Spain	Jim Gallagher, Jr., US	Carl Mason, England
Brad Bryant, US	Harris Gaton, England	Mark McCumber, US
Patrick Burke, US	David Gifford, England	Mark McNulty, New Zealand
Mark Calcavecchia, US	Bill Glavin, US	Phil Mickelson, US
Michael Campbell, New Zealand	Wayne Grady, Australia	Peter Mitchell, England
Bob Charles, New Zealand	Jay Haas, US	Larry Mize, US
Howard Clark, England	Scott Hoch, US	Colin Montgomerie, Scotland
Russell Claydon, England	John Huston, US	Tommy Nakajima, Japan
Andrew Coltart, England	Peter Jacobsen, US	Jack Nicklaus, US
John Cook, US	Mark James, England	Frank Nobilo, New Zealand
Fred Couples, US	Lee Janzen, US	Greg Norman, Australia
Ben Crenshaw, US	Huguel Jimenez, Spain	Peter O'Malley, Australia
John Daly, US	Brandt Jobe, US	Mark O'Meara, US
Mark Davis, England	Per-Ulrik Johansson, Sweden	Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain
David Duval, US	Ole Karlsson, Sweden	Hiroshi Okada, Japan
Steve Elkington, Australia	Robert Karlsson, Sweden	Arnold Palmer, US
Ernie Els, South Africa	Tom Kite, US	Jesper Parnevik, Sweden
Bob Estes, US	Barry Lane, England	Craig Parry, Australia
Nick Faldo, England	Bernhard Langer, Germany	Corey Pavin, US
Brad Faxon, US	John Lehman, US	Jimmy Perry, US
David Feherty, N. Ireland	Jonathan Lomas, England	Gary Player, South Africa
Raymond Floyd, US	Davis Love III, US	Nick Price, Zimbabwe

Making His Pitch

New York journalist Steve K. Walz interviews Jewish pitcher Jose Bautista of the San Francisco Giants.

Special to *The Jerusalem Post*

TODAY, IT'S easier to find glatt kosher hotdogs (Camden Yards in Baltimore) and lofalel (Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami) than a bonafide Jewish major - or even minor - league player.

In terms of professional service, San Francisco Giants right-handed pitcher Jose Bautista has the longest tenure of any present-day Jewish baseball player (14 years).

He may be Sephardi by name, having been born in the Caribbean-island nation of the Dominican Republic on July 25, 1964, but his matrilineal heritage is pure Ashkenazi. As one of 16 children in a predominantly Catholic country, Bautista didn't get a real opportunity to explore his Jewish roots.

"I know that my mother came to the Dominican Republic from somewhere in Europe and married one of the local men, but I never got the chance to talk to her about Jewish roots. The Dominican Republic is a very religious country and Judaism just wasn't discussed. I do remember her lighting candles every Friday night," he recalled.

For most young kids in the Dominican Republic, baseball is played religiously from morning till evening as an outlet to escaping the rampant poverty. Many of today's Major League Latin stars played on ramshackle fields throughout the Dominican Republic where they were discovered by roaming pro scouts. Jose Bautista was no different.

The soft-spoken hurler who lets his pitching repertoire do the talking, was drafted by the New York Mets at the tender age of 16 in 1981. After meandering around in the Mets minor league system for nearly 6½ years, the Baltimore Orioles gave him a shot at the big time at the tail end of the '87 campaign.

In April 1988, the 6-foot-1 pitcher made his big league debut in an Orioles uniform. Bautista's rookie year record of 6-15 did not convince the Orioles brass that he was going to be a fixture in their pitching rotation. So, for the next three seasons, he bounced between Baltimore and their minor league affiliates.

The Omaha Royals - the Triple A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals - snared him as a free agent in 1991, but the hard-working hurler failed to crack the Major League roster. Exactly one year later, the Chicago Cubs' Triple A club in Iowa inked him as a free agent.

The long and winding road back to the majors went through the Windy City. It was in Chicago that Bautista not only made a name for himself, but a place where he could

interact with a group of enthusiastic Jewish baseball fans. They made him, as well as his wife and kids, feel like *mishpocha*.

While his English was not quite good enough to land him opportunities as a public speaker, he was nevertheless adopted by the Jewish community. He was invited to many events, autographed a lot of baseballs and showed hundreds of youngsters how to throw a slider.

The 1993 season put Bautista on the map. Using a combination of fastballs, sliders and a sneaky forkball, he finessed his way to a glittering 10-3 season. Used mostly as a reliever, Bautista befuddled the opposition, finishing with a .ERA of less than 3, an almost unheard of mark in Wrigley Field, where keeping the ball in the park is a sometimes death-defying act.

What made the '93 season so different than Bautista's less-than-spectacular previous stints? Bautista admitted, "I did not have any real injuries and, more importantly, I increased my concentration on the mound. In baseball, you don't need to throw the ball 95 miles per hour in order to get hitters out. You can use your intelligence and knowledge of the hitters to win. I don't even reach 90 mph when I pitch. With me, location is the key to my success."

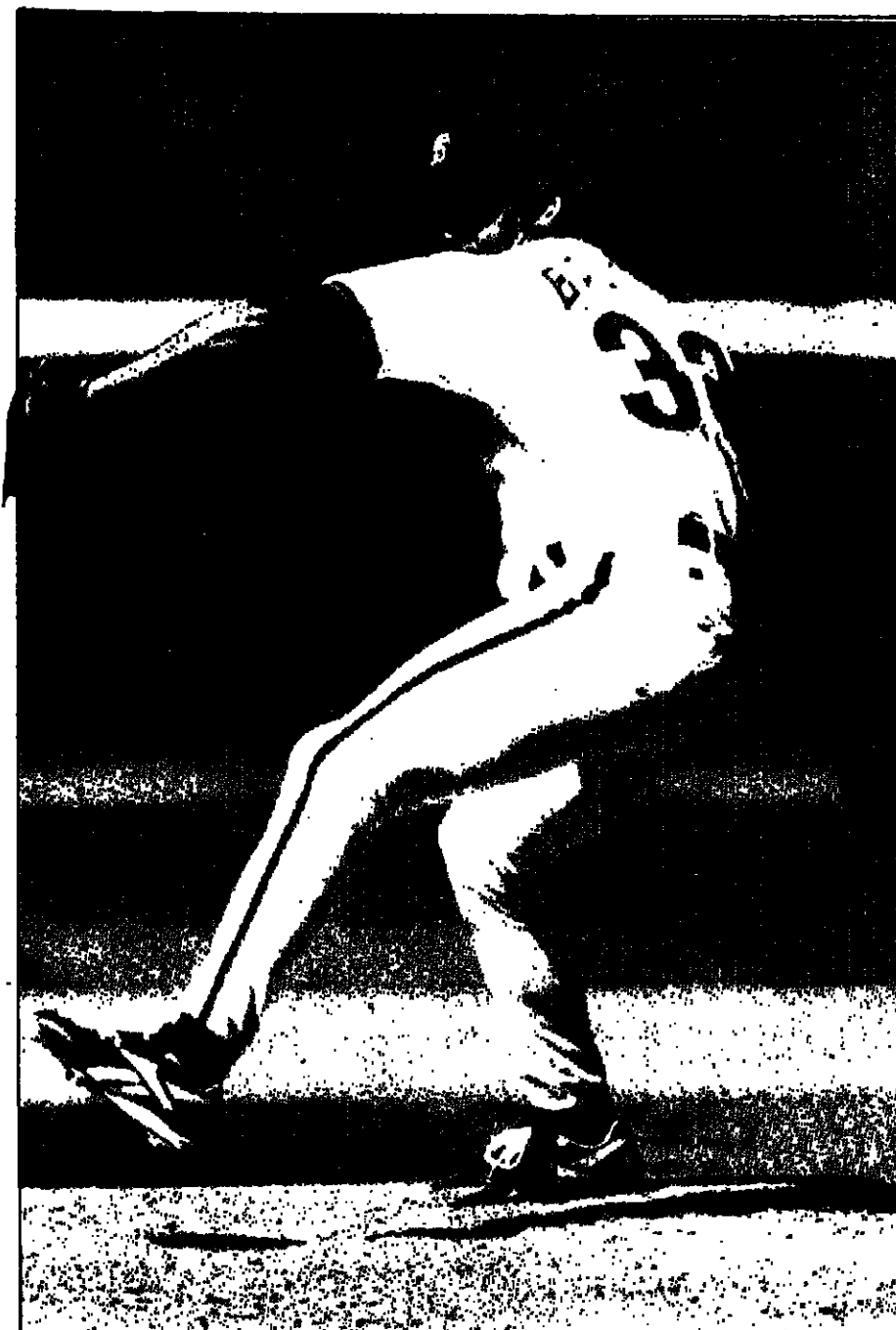
Bautista also discovered that there was a difference between National League and American League hitters.

"In the American League, batters are more concerned with hitting home runs all the time. In the National League, the hitters are not looking to hit the long ball, but hard line drives to all fields," he revealed.

Did Bautista have to adjust his pitching style when he switched to the National League?

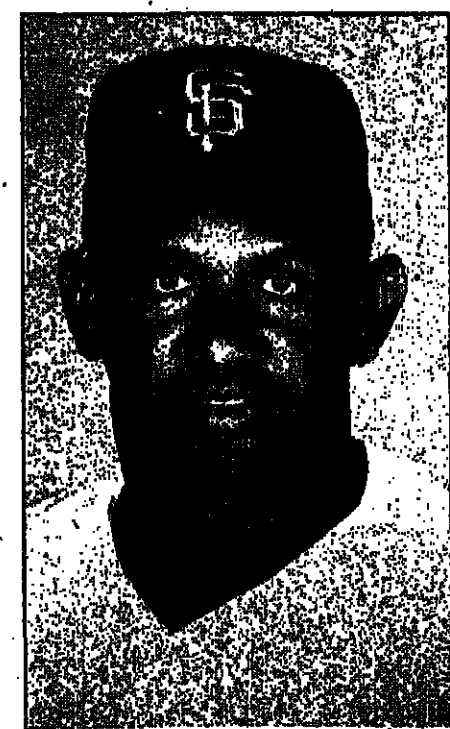
"You cannot change the way you pitch. You just try and get the hitters out any way you can," he claimed. "You know, today when young pitchers come into the Major Leagues, they get scared. They say, 'Oh my God, I've seen this star play on TV, how do I pitch to him?' With experience you get used to it. I'm not afraid to pitch to anybody."

The strike-shortened 1994 season proved to be both a blessing and a curse for Bautista. The hurler was on his way to having another successful season out of the bullpen, having appeared in 58 games, which was second only to Steve Reed of the Colorado Rockies. Then the San Diego Padres' Scott Sander whacked one of his deliveries off his arm, sending him to the disabled list on August 6. On August 21, the strike began, thus ending his season and his career with the Cubs.



(Above) REACHING BACK - Jose Bautista counts on his combination of fastballs, sliders and forkballs to keep him in the big leagues.

(Below) ALL IN THE FAMILY - The 30-year-old right hander hopes the Bay Area Jewish Community will afford a warm welcome



leverage in negotiations. So I didn't know how many dollars I was losing."

"In all honesty, 10 years ago I played the game more out of love than for the money, but since then, everything has changed," Bautista candidly admitted.

"In the Dominican Republic, you just love to play baseball. In the US, they changed all of that and put something else in your mind. Being traded or moving around, that's just part of the game. I'd love to stay in one place."

"I miss the interaction I had with my family and the Jewish people in Chicago. My wife Lea is Jewish and we want our kids to grow up knowing their Jewish roots. Both my kids, Leo and Jose, go to Hebrew school, where we have our home in Cooper City, Florida. When we get the chance, we also go to synagogue once and a while and my wife lights candles every Friday night."

"I hope that when my family visits me in San Francisco, the Jewish people in the community are as friendly to us as they were in Chicago."

Nearly half-way through the 1995 strike-shortened season, Bautista is having a tough time on the mound. He is near the bottom of the league with a 5.91 ERA. After 64 innings pitched, he has a 2-4 won-lost mark, has given up 74 hits, issued 20 free passes and struck out 26.

As for his longevity, he hopes to stick around the Major Leagues for at least five more years. "I'm going to play as long as I can, because I still enjoy the challenge," he beamed.

After the strike, the 30-year-old journeyman packed up his gear and moved to the San Francisco Giants, who signed him as a free agent. Bautista was surprised that the Cubs didn't keep him, but wasn't dismayed by the long strike.

"I was able to spend time with my family which I had not had the chance to do before," Bautista said. "I'm not considered a star player and never had any kind of

Indians Perfect After 9

A's get axed
in 12th as
Ramirez
homers for
four-game
sweep

AL ROUNDUP

THE STUNNED look on Oakland's Dennis Eckersley's face, the "Wow" he uttered as he walked off the mound, captured the Cleveland Indians' season in a nutshell.

The Indians added another miracle finish to their remarkable year Sunday when Manny Ramirez, down to his last strike, hit a two-out, two-run home run off Eckersley in the bottom of the 12th, lifting Cleveland past the Oakland Athletics 5-4.

It was the 13th time this year that the Indians won in their last at-bat, their 24th come-from-behind win, their sixth extra-inning victory in six opportunities.

"What they're doing is really amazing," said Eckersley (2-3), who was denied his 20th save. "I was throwing those pitches to get him out. I wasn't wasting anything. I threw him two sinkers away, then I came inside, and he came out of his shoes with that swing."

The home run was the team-leading 21st for Ramirez, who insisted he was only trying to drive pinch-runner Kenny Lofton home from second base until Eckersley threw him a fat pitch on a 2-2 count.

The Indians extended their lead in the AL Central to 14½ games and improved the best start in franchise history to 50-21. They completed their first-ever four-game sweep of the A's.

Oakland twice appeared headed for victory Sunday, first in regulation after they built an early 3-1 lead and again in the 12th when Stan Javier hit a sacrifice fly that scored Ricky Henderson for a 4-3 advantage.

Albert Belle erased the A's 3-1 lead with a two-run homer off Mark Acie in the seventh inning, his 15th.

In the 12th, Carlos Baerga singled off Eckersley for his fifth hit of the day and league-leading 101st of the year. Two outs later, Lofton stole second before Ramirez homered into the bleachers in left. Ramirez has three homers and eight RBIs in his last three games.

"I think we've learned with this club that you shouldn't leave the game early," manager Mike Hargrove said.

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NO SWINGER — Baltimore's Cal Ripken pulls back from a pitch delivered by Kansas City's Melvin Bunch.

(Reuters)

Until then, the game had belonged to Henderson, who started the day with his 67th career leadoff home run — extending his major league record — and scored the go-ahead run in the 12th after starting the inning with his second double of the game.

Geronimo Berroa also homered for Oakland, his 13th, a two-run shot off Dennis Martínez in the first.

Oakland starter Todd Stottlemyre limited the Indians to one run on seven hits in six innings. Although he had lasted seven or more innings in his previous seven starts, A's manager Tony La Russa took him out after the sixth because it was hot and Stottlemyre was working on three days rest.

Martínez settled down after giving up the three runs in the first, blanking Oakland on four singles over the next six innings.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 2
Juan González became Texas' career home-run leader with the 154th of his career and 14th of the

season as the visiting Rangers won. Kenny Rogers (9-4) got his first win since June 23, allowing only three hits in seven innings. The Red Sox got two runs off relievers Terry Burrows and Roger McDowell in the eighth, keeping them the only major league team without a shutout loss.

Brewers 6, White Sox 1
Brian Givens, who underwent five elbow operations during 12 seasons in the minors, earned his first major league victory.

Givens (1-2) gave up three hits to eight innings as the host Brewers completed their first four-game sweep of the White Sox since July 1982.

Givens, a 29-year-old left-hander, worked 1.029½ innings in the minors. The rookie was called up by the Brewers on June 24 and lost his first two starts before a pair of no-decisions.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 2
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Angels 6, Tigers 4 (1)
Angels 13, Tigers 6 (2)
Jim Edmonds homered twice and drove in five runs as the California Angels defeated Detroit in a rain-shortened second game for a doubleheader sweep.

The Angels swept the four-game series. The Tigers, after starting 5-0 on an 11-game homestand, lost five of the last six.

Edmonds went 4-for-5 and scored three times. The second game was called in the top of the ninth inning after a wait of a half-hour.

California tagged Mike Moore (5-8) for six runs and nine hits in just 1½ innings. Rookie reliever Mike James (1-0) was credited with his first major league win.

Garret Anderson's bases-loaded double in the eighth inning helped the Angels overcome a 4-1 deficit in the opener. He also homered in the second game.

Olerud, the 1993 AL batting champion, was hitting .252 entering the game and homered Thursday for the first time in 48 games. Sunday's two-homer game was his first of the season, gave him six home runs and helped the visiting Blue Jays win three of four against Seattle.

Orioles 3, Royals 2
Jamie Moyer pitched 7½ innings of three-hit ball, and Rafael Palmeiro and Cal Ripken homered.

Moyer didn't walk a batter and had a season-high seven strikeouts in winning his fourth straight start. He retired 16 straight batters in the middle innings.

Yankees 5, Twins 1
Rookie Mariano Rivera pitched six scoreless innings before leaving because of a torn fingernail, and Wade Boggs hit a two-run single.

Rivera (3-2) remained unbeaten in his five daytime starts but was forced to leave after tearing the nail on his right middle finger with two on and no outs in the seventh. Reliever Bob Wickman allowed an RBI double to Pat Moares, but escaped a bases-loaded jam.

Blue Jays 9, Mariners 3
John Olerud hit his first career grand slam and added a solo home run for a career-high five RBIs.

Cubs Survive Red Offensive

NL ROUNDUP

BRIAN MCRAE homered, tripled and singled twice as the host Chicago Cubs beat Cincinnati 7-5 even though the Reds hit four home runs.

Kevin Foster (7-5) allowed five hits — all but one a homer — in seven innings for the Cubs, who won for the first time in five tries since the All-Star break. Foster walked none and struck out eight.

Bret Boone hit two homers for Cincinnati, while Reggie Sanders and Eddie Taubensee also homered for the Reds, whose four-game winning streak ended. Tim Lincecum (5-2) was the loser.

Expos 5, Phillies 1
Carlos Pérez spoiled Sid Fernandez's debut for Philadelphia, pitching 7½ strong innings.

The Phillies lost for the seventh time in eight games. They haven't won consecutive games since June 24-25, and are 3-15 since that time.

Pérez (8-2) improved to 7-0 at Olympic Stadium, allowing one run on seven hits. The 24-year-old

rookie struck out four and walked one. Mel Rojas got his 17th save.

Fernandez (0-1), signed as a free agent Thursday after being released by the Baltimore Orioles, pitched 5½ innings and gave up five runs on seven hits. He struck out six. Fernandez was 0-4 with a 7.39 ERA in eight appearances with the Orioles.

Padres 3, Braves 1
Steve Finley and Ken Caminiti hit solo homers and rookie Glenn Disher allowed only two hits in 7½ innings as host San Diego avoided a four-game sweep.

It was only the second loss in 14 games this month for the NL East-leading Braves. The Padres, last in the NL West, won for only the third time in 12 games.

Marlins 5, Dodgers 2
Pat Rapp struck out a career-high nine and combined with two relievers on a five-hitter.

Rapp (4-5) pitched six-plus innings, giving up four hits and walking two. He left with stiffness in his lower back after a collision with host Los Angeles's Roberto

Kelly at first base, and is listed as day-to-day.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 0
Steve Parris, in danger of going to the minors only last week, pitched six shutout innings in the latest strong start by a Pittsburgh rookie.

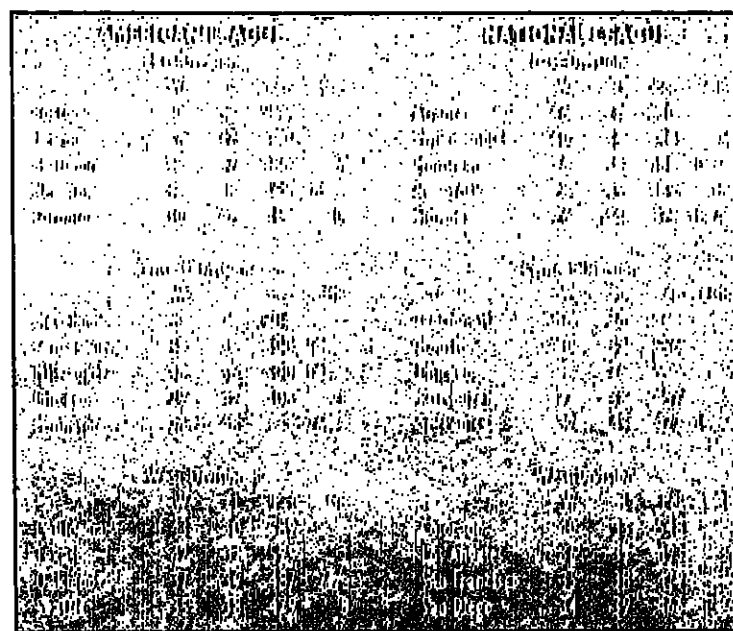
Carlos Garcia and Steve Pegues hit solo homers, giving the Pirates 10 homers in their last five games. The Pirates have 70 homers in 70 games, compared to a major-league low 80 in 114 games last season.

Parris (3-2), striking out seven and walking none, combined with Dan Plesac and Dan Miceli on a seven-hit shutout as the Pirates celebrated Three Rivers Stadium's 25th anniversary by winning their sixth in seven games.

Mets 2, Rockies 1
Rico Brogna singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning.

The host Mets, with the second-worst record in the league, won three of four from the NL West-leading Rockies.

Jose Vizcaino opened the 10th with a single off Mark Thompson



(2-1) and was sacrificed to second by pinch-hitter Tim Bogar. Brett Butler's groundout sent Vizcaino to third and, after Edgardo Alfonzo walked, Brogna singled.

Giants 7, Astros 6 (14)
J.R. Phillips homered leading off the 14th inning to give the host Giants the win in a game that lasted four hours, 54 minutes.

Phillips, who came to bat hitting .152 and was 0-for-5 in the game,

hit his fifth homer of the season on a 2-2 pitch by Doug Brocail (2-1). Chris Hook (5-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Houston's Jeff Bagwell homered leading off the ninth, his third homer in three games and his 13th of the year, to tie the game 6-6. The Giants had scored two in the bottom of the eighth to take a 6-5 lead after Houston scored four runs in the top of the eighth to take a 5-4 lead. (AP)

League Leaders

Through Sunday's Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

California	000	010	140	-	6	10	0
Detroit	102	001	000	-	4	7	0

Finley, Percival (8), LeSmith (9) and Alanson; D.Wells, Christopher (7)
Bohannon (8), Boever (8); Groom (8) and Flaherty, W — Finley, 8-7, L —
Boever, 4-6. 5v — LeSmith (22). HRs — Detroit, Fletcher (1). California
GAnderson (4), DiSarcina (5).

California	514	100	11	-	13	19	2
Detroit	020	040	00	-	6	9	1
(8 Innings, rain)							
Hickel, James (5), B.Patterson (8) and Fabregas; Moore, Hasty (2), Boever (4) and Tingley, W. — James, 1-0, L. — Moore, 5-8. HRs — Detroit, Whitaker (6), Stubbs (1), Tingley (1), California, Edmonds 2 (16), Snow (13), G.Anderson (5).							

Kansas City	000	000	020	-	2	4	0
Baltimore	000	100	20x	-	3	4	1
Bunch, Pichardo (7), Brewer (8) and Bardsley; Moyer, Clark (8), Orsco (8), D.Jones (9) and Zaun, W. — Moyer, 5-3, L. — Bunch 0-1. Sv — D.Jones (15). HR — Baltimore, R.Palmeiro (17), C.Nipken (8).							

Chicago	100	000	000	-	1	3	2
Milwaukee	100	300	02x	-	6	10	0

Keyser, Radinsky (8) and Karkovics; Givens, Ignasiak (9) and Matheny. V
- Givens, 1-2, L - Keyser, 2-3. HRs - Milwaukee, Surhoff (5).

Minnesota	000	000	100	-	1	7	1
New York	021	010	10x	-	5	10	0

Trombley, Klingensack (6), Robertson (7) and Walbeck; Rivera, Wickman (7), Howe (8), Wetteland (9) and Stanley, W. — Rivera, 3-2, L. — Trombley, 1.

Oakland	300	000	000	001	-	4	9	1
Cleveland	010	000	200	002	-	5	13	2

Stottlemyre, Acie (7), Honeycutt (7), Van Poppel (8), Reyes (10), Eckersley (12) and Steinbach; DeMartino, Poole (8), Tavaras (8), Nesa (10), Embree (11) and Pena, S.Kinnear (12). W — Embree, 2-0, L. — Eckersley, 2-3. HRs — Cleveland, Belle (15), M.Ramirez (21), Oakland, R.Henderson (6), Berroa (13).

Toronto	000	420	012	-	9	11	0
Seattle	200	000	010	-	3	7	0

(4), Nelson (5), Nisley (8) Ayala (9) and Kreuter. W — Hurtado, 1-0. L —
 Carmona, 1-4. HRs — Seattle, Buiner (13). Toronto, R. Alomar (11), Oleru
 7 (6).

St. Louis	000	000	000	-	0	7	1
Pittsburgh	010	100	01x	-	3	7	0

Osborne, Pettkovsek (6), Fossas (8) and Sheaffer; Parris, Plesac (7), Miceli (9) and Slaughter, W. — Parris, 3-2, L. — Osborne, 0-2. 5v — Miceli (13). HR — Pittsburgh, Pegues (4), C.Garcia (4).

Colorado	000	010	000	0	-	1	9	1
New York	000	100	000	1	-	2	7	0

Freeman, S.Reed (7), M.Munoz (8), M.Thompson (9) and Brito; Harnisch, Franco (9) and Hundley. W - Franco, 4-1. L - M.Thompson, 2-1.

Cincinnati	010	020	200	-	5	6	1
Chicago	101	400	10x	-	7	12	0

Pugh, X.Hernandez (4), Carasco (7), McElroy (8) and Taubensee; Foster, Rabinowitz (8), Myers (9) and Pratt. W — Foster, 7-5, L — Pugh, 5-2. 5v — Myers (22). HRs — Chicago, McKee (8), Cincinnati, R.Sanders (16), Taubensee (6), Boone 2 (8).

Philadelphia	000	100	000	-	1	7	1
Montreal	210	101	00x	-	5	9	1

S.Fernandez, Mk.Williams (6), Olivares (7) and Webster; C.Perez, Shaw (8), Rojas (8) and Laker. W — C.Perez, 8-2, L — S.Fernandez, 0-1. 5v — Rojas (17). HRs — Montreal, Cordero (6), Laker (2).

Atlanta	000	000	010	-	1	3	0
San Diego	001	110	00x	-	3	12	1

Mercker, Bedrosian (5), Stanton (7), Clontz (8), Borbon (9) and J.Lopez; Dishman, B.Williams (8), Valenzuela (8), Hoffman (9) and Ausmus, W. — Dishman, 2-1, L. — Mercker, 4-5. 5v — Hoffman (12), HR — San Diego, Finley (6), Caminiti (12).

Florida	010	000	112	-	5	8	1
Los Angeles	000	000	020	-	2	6	0

Rapp, Mathews (7), Nen (8) and C.Johnson; Yaldes, Astacio (8), Worrell (9) and Piazza, W. — Rapp, 4-5, L. — Valdez, 5-6. HRs — Los Angeles, Karros (15), Florida, C.Johnson (7).

Houston	000	001	041	000	00	-	6	11
San Francisco	000	022	020	000	01	-	7	11

Kile, Powell (6), D.Vaies (7), To.Jones (8), Dougherty (10), Hargrove (12), Brocail (13) and Goff, Enzbie (8), R.Letter, Beck (8), Burba (8), Barton (12), Hook (13) and Je.Red, Langhin (9). W — Hook, 5-0, L. — Brocail, 2-1. HRs — San Francisco, Phillips (5), Houston, Bagwell (13).

Due to technical problems, the

Colorado	000	010	000	0	-	1	9	1
New York	000	100	000	1	-	2	7	0
Freeman, S.Reed (7), M.Munoz (8), M.Thompson (9) and Brito; Harnisch, Franco (9) and Hundley, W. — Franco, 4-1, L. — M.Thompson, 2-1.								

Cincinnati	010	020	200	-	5	6	1
Chicago	101	400	10x	-	7	12	0
Pugh, X.Hernandez (4), Garasco (7), McElroy (8) and Taubensee; Foster, Rabinowitz (8), Myers (9) and Pratt, W. — Foster, 7-5, L. — Pugh, 5-2. 5v — Myers (22). HRs — Chicago, McKee (8), Cincinnati, R.Sanders (16), Taubensee (6), Boone 2 (8).							

Philadelphia	000	100	000	-	1	7	1
Montreal	210	101	00x	-	5	9	1
S.Fernandez, M.Williams (6), Olivares (7) and Webster; C.Perez, Shaw (8), Rojas (8) and Laker, W. — C.Perez, 8-2, L. — S.Fernandez, 0-1. 5v — Rojas (17). HRs — Montreal, Cordero (6), Laker (2).							

Atlanta	000	000	010	-	1	3	0
San Diego	001	110	00x	-	3	12	1
Mercker, Bedrosian (5), Stanton (7), Clontz (8), Borbon (9) and J.Lopez; Dishman, B.Williams (8), Valenzuela (8), Hoffman (9) and Ausmus, W. — Dishman, 2-1, L. — Mercker, 4-5. 5v — Hoffman (12), HR — San Diego, Finley (6), Caminiti (12).							

Florida	010	000	112	-	5	8	1
Los Angeles	000	000	020	-	2	6	0
Rapp, Mathews (7), Nen (8) and C.Johnson; Yaldes, Astacio (8), Worrell (9) and Piazza, W. — Rapp, 4-5, L. — Valdez, 5-6. HRs — Los Angeles, Karros (15), Florida, C.Johnson (7).							

BATting	—	Eckersley, Sea, 361; O'Leary, Bos, 340; Baerga, Cal, 339; O'Neill, NY, 337; Hargrove, Bos, 333; Thome, Cle, 326; Rodriguez, Tex, 325.
RUNS	—	Phillips, Cal, 65; Edmonds, Cal, 60; Eckersley, Sea, 58; ByAnderson, Bal, 55; J.Valentin, Bos, 54; M.Vaughn, Bos, 54; Thomas, Chi, 54; Belle, Cle, 54.
RBIs	—	M.Vaughn, Bos, 64; Edmonds, Cal, 61; M.Ramirez, Cle, 60; McGwire, Oakland, 59; T.Martinez, Sea, 58; Thome, Chi, 58; Eckersley, Sea, 58.
HITS	—	Baerga, Cle, 101; Eckersley, Sea, 91; Nixon, Tex, 89; Alomar, Tor, 87; Belle, Cle, 86; Caris, Det, 85; Knoblauch, Min, 85; Disarcina, Cal, 85.
DOUBLES	—	Belle, Cle, 28; Eckersley, Sea, 27; Disarcina, Cal, 22; Baerga, Cal, 19; Seitzer, Mil, 19; Chipken, Bal, 19; J.Valentin, Bos, 18; Joyner, KC, 18.
TRIPLES	—	Lofton, Cle, 7; Alomar, Tor, 7; B.Williams, NY, 5; ByAnderson, Bal, 5; White, Tor, 5; O'Leary, Bos, 4; Knoblauch, Min, 4; Lewis, Min, 4; Disarcina, Cal, 4; Ljohnson, Chi, 4.
HOME RUNS	—	M.Vaughn, Bos, 24; McGwire, Oak, 24; Thomas, Chi, 23; M.Ramirez, Cle, 21; Felder, Det, 20; Thome, Cle, 18; T.Martinez, Sea, 18; Gaetti, KC, 18.
STOLEN BASES	—	T.Gooden, KC, 28; Coleman, KC, 22; Knoblauch, Min, 21; Ljohnson, Chi, 21; Nixon, Tex, 21; Lofton, Cle, 20; McLemore, Tex, 18; R.Henderson, Oak, 18.
PITCHING (7 Decisions)	—	DeMartino, Cle, 8-0, 1,000, 2.47; Rjohnson, Sea, 10-1, 909, 2.66; Wakefield, Bos, 8-1, 889, 1.70; Langston, Cal, 8-1, 889, 4.30; Belinda, Bos, 7-1, 875, 3.27; Stottlemyre, Oak, 8-2, 800, 3.72; Boskie, Cal, 6-2, 750, 4.81.
STRIKEOUTS	—	Rjohnson, Sea, 168; Appier, KC, 122; Stottlemyre, Oak, 115; Finley, Cal, 103; Cone, Tor, 92; Hanson, Bos, 80; McDowell, NY, 80.
SAVES	—	Mesa, Cle, 23; LeSmith, Cal, 22; Eckersley, Oak, 19; Henneman, Det, 17; Montgomery, KC, 15; D.Jones, Bal, 15; Aguilera, Bos, 14; Russell, Tex, 14.

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BATting	—	T.Gwynn, SD, 361; D.Bell, Hou, 342; Dunston, Chi, 341; Bichette, Col, 337; Grace, Chi, 329; Bonilla, NY, 322; L.Walker, Cal, 317.
RUNS	—	Biggio, Hou, 62; Bagwell, Hou, 59; Bonds, SF, 57; Finley, SD, 56; McKee, Chi, 55; Mondesi, LA, 54; Gant, Cin, 51; Galarraga, Col, 51.
RBIs	—	DBell, Hou, 60; R.Sanders, Cin, 59; Galarraga, Col, 58; Sosa, Chi, 57; Bonds, SF, 56; Gant, Cin, 55; T.Gwynn, SD, 55.
HITS	—	T.Gwynn, SD, 103; D.Bell, Hou, 102; Bichette, Col, 98; Grace, Chi, 93; Cordero, Mon, 91; McKee, Chi, 91; Bonilla, NY, 89.
DOUBLES	—	Grace, Chi, 33; Cordero, Mon, 23; Lankford, SL, 23; Bichette, Col, 22; McKee, Chi, 21; T.Gwynn, SD, 20; Bagwell, Hou, 19; Bonilla, NY, 19.
TRIPLES	—	McKee, Chi, 6; Offerman, LA, 5; Larkin, Cin, 5; Mondesi, LA, 4; Bjorland, SL, 4; R.Sanders, Cin, 4; Gonzalez, Chi, 4; Bonds, SF, 4; Bonilla, NY, 4; Dunston, Chi, 4.
HOME RUNS	—	L.Walker, Col, 20; Gant, Cin, 20; Galarraga, Col, 19; Castillo, Col, 17; Bonds, SF, 17; R.Sanders, Cin, 16; Sosa, Chi, 16.
STOLEN BASES	—	Veras, Fla, 29; Larkin, Cin,

The Big Bang Theory

Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher reprimanded after British Grand Prix crash



TOP DOGS — Winner Johnny Herbert is lifted onto the shoulders of runner-up Jean Alesi (l) and David Coulthard, who finished third. (AP)



LONG WALK BACK — Damon Hill (l) and Michael Schumacher return to their respective caravans after a collision took them both out of the race.



TITLE RIVALS Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher were severely reprimanded and warned about their future conduct after a controversial crash in the British Grand Prix in Silverstone on Sunday.

Their collision on the 44th of 61 laps overshadowed the race and a great win for Benetton driver Johnny Herbert, the Briton's first in Formula One at the 71st attempt.

The stewards said both German Schumacher, in a Benetton, and Briton Hill, driving a Williams, were partially responsible for the collision in which Hill dived down the inside at Priory Corner but failed to brake in time as the German moved into the corner.

The reprimand came after hearing the version of each driver and watching video replays. The pair were told future similar actions could result in severe penalties.

Benetton managing director Flavio Briatore slammed Hill as an unworthy contender for the world drivers' championship after the crash.

Briatore, irritated by what he perceived to be a reckless piece of driving by the Briton, said: "I am still deeply surprised at what Damon did."

"I believe that a driver who is challenging for the world championship and acts in that way does not really deserve it."

Schumacher said Hill's move was "totally unnecessary and stupid."

The world champion said: "What can I say? I think what Damon did was totally unnecessary. In fact, it was really stupid. There was no room for two cars and there is no place to overtake there."

"It is such a small straight and even if you brake into the first part and turn in it is almost impossible. If I had not been there, I think he would have gone straight into the gravel."

The collision between the two main protagonists for the world title revived memories of their crash in Adelaide last year at the Australian Grand Prix and the old bitter rivalry and crashes involving Alain Prost of France and the late Ayrton Senna of Brazil. Asked if he felt the accident would cause

reprisals at the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim in two weeks time, Briatore said: "No, I don't think so. The Germans are far more intelligent than Hill."

Hill did not believe he was to blame, saying: "We were having a great race and it was very exciting."

"I thought I saw an opportunity that I could take advantage of but I am afraid that Michael is a harder man to pass than that and we had an accident which I would describe as a racing accident."

"I am very disappointed for the fans and for the Williams team, who did a superb job all weekend. This is all I want to say as my mind is on my wife Georgie, who is due to have a baby." (Reuters)

No, But Seriously

TV comic Tim Allen takes up race car driving

ONE THING about Tim Allen. He's funny. Even at a race track.

Allen, the star of ABC's top-rated comedy "Home Improvement," spent last weekend at Road America driving in his first professional event, an SCCA Pro Challenge series race on the four-mile road course in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

He showed he's serious about racing, qualifying 15th and finishing 11th, beating both of his veteran teammates—team owner Steve Saleen and longtime racer and race school owner Bob Bongfrant.

Allen, whose previous racing experience came in pre-celebrity events, even designed the Allen-Saleen SpeedLab team logo, which includes three R's racing across the middle.

The racing came out of a deal with Saleen whose business outside racing is turning Ford Mustangs into custom street machines with outrageous horsepower.

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"The team really got started when I collaborated on a Mustang street car with Tim a number of years ago and really building that up beyond what it was intended to do on the street," Saleen said. "We kept modifying the car and really ended up with a race car."

Then they took it to Willow Springs, a test and school track in the California desert.

"As Steve said, we were making what we refer to as Capers, a 600-and-change-horsepower street car, which it's impossible to drive in the street," Allen said. "We went up to Willow Springs and starting messing around with this. I

started getting on the speed."

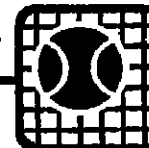
"You begin to make these steps and all of a sudden the Toyota celebrity cars almost begin to feel like junk, they're so slow. The greater the speed, the greater the thrill and the adrenaline level."

"Steve was getting a team together and I said I was willing to get involved in a Newmansesque type of thing, add a celebrity side to it," he added, referring to actor Paul Newman, who is co-owner of an Indy-car team. "But I have a real love of racing and I really do want to get involved in it."

Allen, who plans to run races later this season at Detroit and Sonoma, California, said comedy and racing have similarities.

"The concentration level for doing standup comedy is intense," he said. "If you lose concentration for a minute, you lose all your momentum. You don't ever get it back. It's so similar to this." (AP)

Tennis



LAST HURRAH — Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova congratulate each other after the Inaugural Virginia Slims Legends tournament in April. Evert-Liyod won 7-3, 6-7, 7-6

Groundstrokes Galore

Chris Evert inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame

CHRIS EVERT, the winner of 157 tournament titles, was enshrined in the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island on Sunday. She enters with style, just as she played the game.

Evert is the 44th woman and 163rd person to be inducted into the tennis hall, but only the sixth chosen unanimously. In fact, she was the only candidate this year, making 1995 the Class of Christy.

Evert received her induction certificate during Sunday's stadium court ceremony from former President Bush, a frequent tennis partner of the Fort Lauderdale native while he was in the White House and at recent charity events.

Taught the game by her father, Jimmy, Chris first gained notice when, as a 15-year-old, she beat Margaret Court, then No. 1 in the world, in a tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina. Today, she says that's "where it all started for me."

At the time, the world's top players all played a serve-and-volley game.

"No one could hit three straight groundstrokes without hitting one into the net or out of the court," Evert remembers.

But consistency was her game. She could hit stroke after stroke, finding all the lines, winning as much with her temperamental confidence as with her racket. And along the way, she began a world

full of baseline-hugging, two-handed backhand-stroking Chris Evert clones.

"I came along at a time when Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors were coming up. We all had a baseline game and a two-handed backhand," Evert explains, trying to play down her imprint on the sport. "I was very one-sided, one-dimensional."

"It was all timing. I came along at a great time."

In 1971, as a 16-year-old high schooler, she reached the semifinals of the US Open. She went on to win six US titles, as well as seven French Opens, three Wimbledon and two Australian Opens. And the "Joe Maiden"—so dubbed because of her poker face

while deep into concentration on the court—became America's tennis sweetheart.

She had a remarkable string of reaching at least the semifinals in 16 consecutive US Opens before falling to Lori McNeil in the quarter-finals of the 1987 tournament.

An even greater accomplishment was reaching at least the semifinals of 32 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments before falling to Kathy Jordan in the third round at Wimbledon in 1983.

"She came in as a winner and stayed that way," 1977 Wimbledon winner and fellow Hall of Famer Virginia Wade said of Evert.

Ranked No. 1 eight times throughout her career, Evert won at least one Grand Slam tournament title every year for 13 years—1974 to 1986. She reached the semifinals or better in 52 of the 56 Grand Slam events she played.

Evert's 125-match win streak on clay from August 1973 to May 1979 endures as the best record of any player for any single surface. Never ranked lower than the top four in her 18-year career, she became the first player, male or female, to win 1,000 singles matches, accomplishing that feat in 1984.

"When I was No. 1 in the world and I was beating everybody easily, I should have tried to incorporate more variety in my game," Evert said, showing her only remorse. "I should have come to

the net more, tried different shots. "But that was my pride, my stubborn streak. I should have dropped my pride a little bit and become a better all-around tennis player."

"I didn't have the abundance of physical talent," she said. "But I used what I had to the best of my ability."

Evert also has been a winner off the court.

She served as president of the Women's Tennis Association a record nine times and received numerous awards for her sportsmanship and charity work. In 1985, she was named the Greatest Woman Athlete of the Last 25 Years by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Married to former Olympic skier Andy Mill, they have two sons.

Besides Evert, others since 1980 to be selected unanimously to the International Tennis Hall of Fame were Rod Laver in 1981, John Newcombe in 1986 and Wade in 1989. Two others—"builder" Lamar Hunt in 1993 and journalist-television commentator Bud Collins in 1994—were unanimously elected by a special masters panel.

Founded in 1954 by the US Lawn Tennis Association, the International Tennis Hall of Fame inducted its first honorees in 1955. In order to be eligible for induction into the Hall, a player must not have been a significant factor during the previous five years. (AP)



BEHIND THE SCENES — Since her retirement, Evert calls the shots from the commentator's booth

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Time's Winged Chariot Chases Dolphins

Hopes still hinge on 34-year QB Dan Marino

WITH AGING heroes at the helm and calling the plays, time is of the essence for the Miami Dolphins.

Coach Don Shula goes into the 1995 season — and his 26th Dolphins training camp, which began yesterday — with his hopes for a Super Bowl berth fixed firmly on 34-year-old quarterback Dan Marino and a club rejuvenated by the return of injured players and a fruitful off-season.

"There's always that urgency because of the fact that you never know when the game might end for you," said Marino, who will challenge Fran Tarkenton's records for touchdown passes, passing yards, pass attempts and pass completions — if he stays healthy.

"There's always a chance of severe injury. You know, that's part of the game of football," said Marino, who missed most of the 1993 season with a ruptured Achilles tendon and still walks with a limp. "You don't think about it when you are young in your career, but you do later on."

The Dolphins lost the chance for a home-field advantage at the Super Bowl last year by squandering an early lead during the regular season and missing a last-second field goal in the playoffs against San Diego.

Since then, the club has gathered through trades and free agency a host of veteran players hungry to go the final steps. It also found a duo of offensive linemen in the first and second rounds of the draft — tackle Billy Miller of Houston and guard Andrew Greene of Indiana — both likely to see action on the right side.

The active offseason has left players' hopes high.

"Having assembled one of the best teams that Coach Shula has ever had since he's been here — not only is it urgent to win and get to the Super Bowl, it's imperative," said safety Louis Oliver, who returned to Miami after a year with Cincinnati and is recovering from a broken foot.

"Anything less would be a waste of time or a waste of putting this type of team together," he said.

The Dolphins also added several seasoned receivers, including Gary Clark and Randal Hill from Phoenix, tight end Eric Green of Pittsburgh and wide receiver Ricky Sanders of Atlanta.

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What's the Good News?

Redskins still appear to be in disarray after disastrous season

real strong long-term ties to anywhere," said Turner, whose 84-man roster contains 43 names that weren't around last year.

In fact, as they try to rebuild after 4-12 and 3-13 seasons, the Redskins will take few players that have more than a year's experience with the club to Frostburg State in Ashburn, Virginia. Only 16 were around in 1993 — the last time the Redskins won at home or against an NFC East team.

Owner Jack Kent Cooke's three-year plan for Turner entailed a .500 record the first year, playoffs the second and Super Bowl

the third.

Turner shrugs that off, and his supporters point out that seven of last season's losses were by a combined 21 points. The Redskins lost eight times after leading in the second half, and four times after leading with less than a minute to play.

"Our young players, a lot of them were playing last year without really much idea what they were doing," Turner said. "And they were able to be in close games in the fourth quarter when they had a chance to win. I think the feeling is, 'Hey, we've been through it one

year, now we get through an off-season, a training camp. We're going to be in a lot better position to win those close games."

This year's major holdout is Colorado wide receiver Michael Westbrook, the No. 4 pick in the draft. Negotiations are moving slowly to sign the 6-foot-3, 215-pound receiver billed as the next Art Monk. At the end of the last season, Turner said the team was short on "elite" players who could make major impacts on games. He tried to sign several tight ends — including Jay Novacek, whom he worked with at Dallas — in free agency, but instead wound up strengthening a defense that was ranked 26th overall.

Signed were linebackers Marcus Patton (from Buffalo) and Rod Stephens (Seattle), and safeties James Washington (Dallas) and Stanley Richard (San Diego).

"I think we've made strides in that area," Turner said. "They'll really strengthen us up the middle. I think Richard in the next couple of years will be a Pro Bowl safety."

Yeah, Which Base?

A BROOKLYN Dodgers fan left Ebbetts Field early and hailed a cab. The cabbie asked him how the team was doing. The man answered, "Great, we have three men on base."

"Oh yeah," responded the driver, "which base?"

That question was perfectly understandable in the context of Brooklyn baseball since the Dodgers for years regularly shot themselves in the feet with bonehead plays. In a 1926 game against the Boston Braves, they pulled off arguably the dumbest play ever recorded in baseball ... when three men ended up on third.

What separates Carl Sifakis's book (Prentice Hall, 1995) from others of its genre, such as *The Guinness Book of Sports Blunders*, is that the author organizes the events chronologically.

Many of the bizarre yarns which he spins took place early in a specific sport's evolution, when rules had not yet been fully formulated. The first part of the book therefore deals with such oddities as football players leaving a bench to make a tackle, hidden ball tricks and horse races where the last horse to finish won the prize.

Dyed-in-the-wool blunder lovers will recognize many of Sifakis's entries. The author pulls out a number of old chestnuts, like Fred Merkle forgetting to touch second base which cost the Giants the pennant in 1908, and Roy Riegels's scamper into his own end zone that gave Georgia Tech a one-point Rose Bowl victory over California in 1929.

More recent chestnuts include Dolphins kicker Garo Yepremian's decision to throw a pass in the 1973 Super Bowl after his field-goal attempt had been blocked. The wobbly toss was picked up and returned for the Redskins' only score.

Then there was President Richard Nixon's celebrated phone call to Dolphins coach Don Shula on the eve of the '72 Super Bowl recommending a play that couldn't miss (it did).

Moving toward the present, Sifakis ends with such indecent exposures as the couple making love in the Toronto Skydome luxury box and the Mississippi State football coach who, in an effort to psych up his team for a game against the Texas Longhorns, had a bull castrated in front of them.

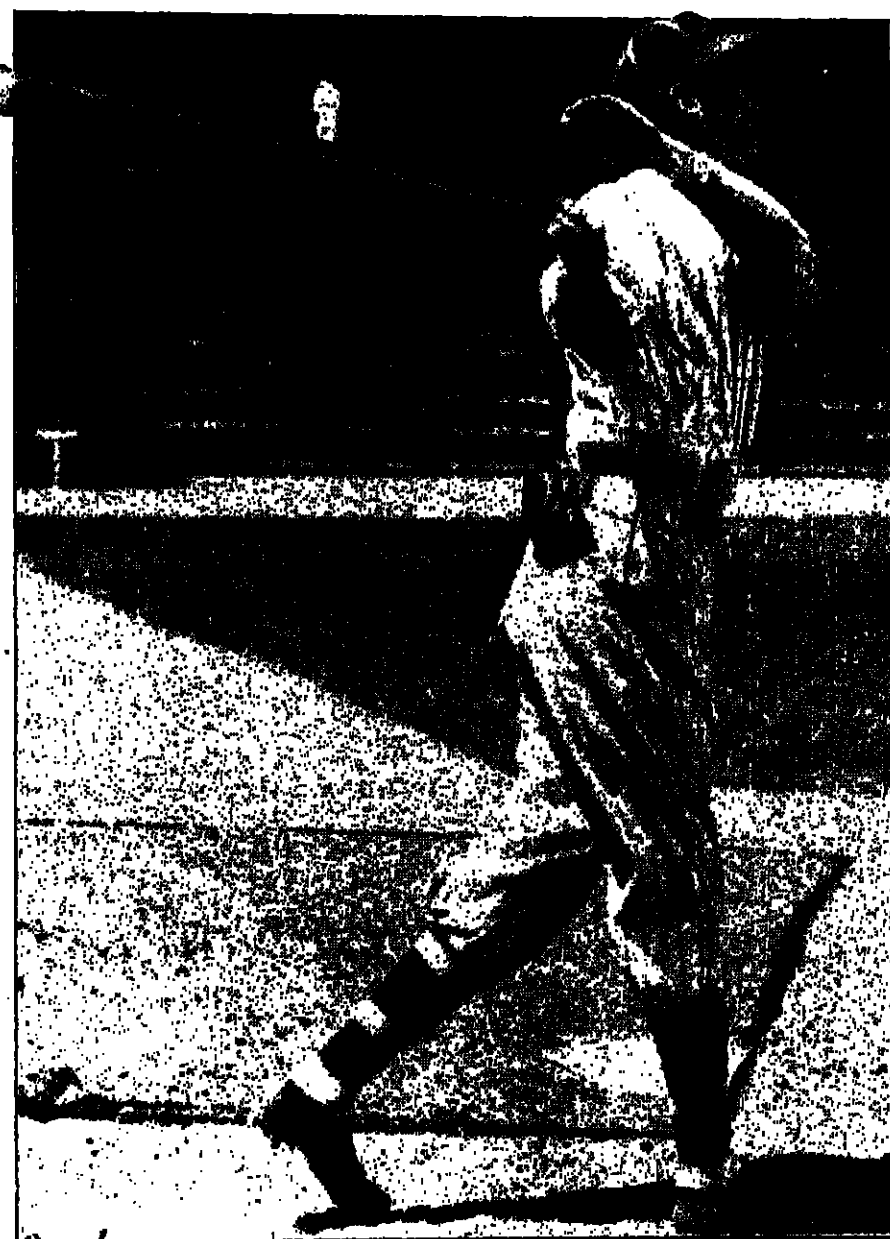
BUT THE goof to end all goofs belongs to the beloved Dodgers when three runners landed on third base: With the bases loaded and one out, Babe Herman hit a line drive down the rightfield line. The runners rightly paused to see if the ball would be caught, but Babe, with his head down, paid no heed.

The runner on third scored easily, the runner on second had rounded third and was heading for home and the first base runner was safely on his way to third. But the mindless Babe had also passed second, and now two men were practically piggy-backing towards third.

The third base coach started yelling to Babe, "Go back, go back!" Unfortunately, the runner on his way home thought those instructions were meant for him and so he turned round and headed back to third.

And that's why, years later, the cabbie was absolutely right to ask, "Yeah, which base?" Here are some others you might not have heard.

During a baseball game in 1880, a bench-warmer saw a foul pop coming his way. Realizing that his catcher couldn't get there



WILD HORSE OF THE BASEPATHS — Babe Herman was the third to land on third.

Three Men on Third is the latest in a long line of literature which delights in the wackier moments of sport.

By Joseph Hoffman

In time, he jumped on the field, announced a substitution and made the catch. Subsequently, substitutions were permitted only when time was out.

In 1890, the Baltimore Orioles kept their outfield grass high in order to hide balls in it. When extra-base hits were smacked, the outfielders simply bent down and threw in a spare ball. It worked well until one overzealous fielder actually chased down the real ball, and two balls came flying in the infield.

In 1907, Pop Warner, the famed football coach at the Carlisle Indian School devised a play where his end would leave the field, go behind the bench and return inbounds to catch a pass. Nowadays a player who so much as steps on the out-of-bounds marker is ineligible for the play.

A year later, the wily Warner won a game against Syracuse when he had football-

shaped patches sewn onto his players' uniforms so that it became difficult for the opposition to see who was carrying the ball.

When he brought his team to Harvard, he discovered that Crimson coach Percy Haughton had heard of the ruse and had all the footballs painted red to foil the plot.

Nothing like a good college education. In 1913, the spitball was still a legal pitch and White Sox hurler Ed Walsh was one of the wettest pitchers in the game. He had won 27 games in the two previous years and was a regular tormentor of the Philadelphia Athletics.

When the Chisox game to town, A's manager Connie Mack concocted a plan to dry up Walsh. He noticed the pitcher would rub the ball against his tongue and lower lip and then lick it all over so it was about as wet as a ball as could be held, let alone thrown.

Since it is the home team which furnishes

the baseballs for the game, Mack went to a nearby farm and had all the balls rubbed in horse manure. The first time Walsh went to his mouth, he gagged, choked and threw up. He stayed in the game until the third inning, getting sicker and sicker. Gradually abandoning his favorite pitch, he was rocked for 10 runs.

The news made the rounds of the American League and Walsh finished the year with only eight wins. In the next four years, he won a grand total of only five more games. It was the first time that a player was ever dried up and washed up at the same time.

In the 1920s, the Dodgers had their bane. He was a fan who heckled with such elan that he had been given the nickname of Abie the Ice-man. So effective were his diatribes against the team and especially its manager Wilbert Robinson that a plan was devised to silence him.

The Dodgers front office gave him a season ticket on the condition that he would keep his mouth shut.

The plan worked and life seemed easy. But then the catcalls resumed. Seemingly he couldn't take it any more. He returned the complimentary season ticket and went back to being a paid heckler.

Sifakis also has some follow-up stories that are rarities.

Everyone knows the story of the Glipper. George Glipp was an outstanding running back for Notre Dame in the 1920s. As he lay dying from pneumonia, he was visited by his coach Knute Rockne. Supposedly his near-last words were that, one day when the Irish were down and all looked bleak, Rockne should exhort the team to "Win one for the Glipper."

That day came eight years later, when Notre Dame was playing undefeated Army in Yankee Stadium in front of 82,000 fans. At halftime, Rockne's pep talk included the immortal words, and Notre Dame pulled off "the upset of the decade" by beating Army 12-7.

What has been lost in the sands of time is that the following week, coming off this stunning win, the Irish managed to lose to Carnegie Tech 27-7. That was the upset of the decade.

He also cites a few one-liners that you'll want to add to your collection.

Chicago Bears owner-coach George Halas had a running feud with referee Jim Durfee in the 1920s. Once, when Durfee marched off a five-yard penalty against him, Halas blew up. "What's that for?" he screamed.

"Coaching from the sidelines," Durfee answered (in those days, coaches were not permitted to yell instructions to their players on the field). Halas shot back, "That just shows how dumb you are, that's a 15-yard penalty!"

Durfee replied, "For the way you coach, it's only five."

Or then there was the pearl by Earl. When Earl Weaver was managing the Orioles, he watched in dismay as outfielder and born-again Christian Pat Kelly batted with the bases loaded. On a full count, he struck out on a pitch that was practically over his head, ending the inning.

Later that day in the clubhouse, Kelly asked Weaver if he would like to join some team members in prayer. When Weaver declined, Kelly said, "Skipper, don't you want to walk with the Lord?" Weaver shot back, "I'd rather you walk with the bases loaded."